CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for managing an office product supply chain utilizing a network, comprising:

a) receiving data from a plurality of office product outlets of an office product supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of office products by the office product outlets;

b) generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering office products from an office product distributor of the office product supply chain;

c) transmitting the data to the office product distributor of the office product supply chain utilizing the network;

d) transmitting the data to an office product supplier of the office product supply chain utilizing the network; and

e) forecasting activity in the office product supply chain utilizing the data.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of office product distributors and office product suppliers.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the data is made accessible to the office product outlets, the office product distributor, the office product supplier via a network-based interface.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the data is accessible to the office product distributor and the office product supplier only after verification of an identity thereof.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the office product outlets, the office product distributor, and the office product supplier each forecast utilizing the data.

7. A system for managing an office product supply chain utilizing a network, comprising:

a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of office product outlets of an office product supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of office product by the office product outlets;

b) logic for generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering office product from an office product distributor of the office product supply chain;

c) logic for transmitting the data to the office product distributor of the office product supply chain utilizing the network;

d) logic for transmitting the data to an office product supplier of the office product supply chain utilizing the network; and

e) logic for forecasting activity in the office product supply chain utilizing the data.

8. The system of claim 7, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of office product distributors and office product suppliers.

9. The system of claim 8, wherein the data is made accessible to the office product outlets, the office product distributor, the office product supplier via a network-based interface.

10. The system of claim 9, wherein the data is accessible to the office product distributor and the office product supplier only after verification of an identity thereof.

11. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.

12. The system of claim 7, wherein the office product outlets, the office product distributor, and the office product supplier each forecast utilizing the data.

13. A computer program product for managing an office product supply chain utilizing a network, comprising:

a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of office product outlets of an office product supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of office product by the office product outlets;

b) computer code for generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering office product from an office product distributor of the office product supply chain;

c) computer code for transmitting the data to the office product distributor of the office product supply chain utilizing the network;

d) computer code for transmitting the data to an office product supplier of the office product supply chain utilizing the network; and

e) computer code for forecasting activity in the office product supply chain utilizing the data.

14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of office product distributors and office product suppliers.

15. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the data is made accessible to the office product outlets, the office product distributor, the office product supplier via a network-based interface.

16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the data is accessible to the office product distributor and the office product supplier only after verification of an identity thereof.

17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the Internet.

18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the office product outlets, the office product distributor, and the office product supplier each forecast utilizing the data.

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